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E. O. 11652: XGDS-1 DECLASS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DATE BY DCM

TAGS: PFOR VT VS

SUBJ: VISIT OF PRG DELEGATION

REF: (A) STATE 051556; (B) STATE 062096

1. ILLING HAD BEEN AWAITING APPOINTMENT WITH VATICAN FONMIN CASAROLI FOR ONE WEEK TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS AND HAD PLANNED TO MAKE PRESENTATION CONTAINED REFTEL A. ON LEARNING THAT PRG DELEGATION HAD ALREADY ARRIVED ROME AND WAS RUMORED TO BE PLANNING SEE POPE OR OTHER HIGH VATICAN OFFICIALS, ILLING ASKED TO SEE CASAROLI'S DEPUTY MSGR. GASPARI, EVENING APR 4. GASPARI RECEIVED ILLING IN HIGHLY AGITATED STATE, EXPRESSING DEEP CONSTERNATION OVER RUMORS CIRCULATING ROME THAT PRG DELEGATION CAME TO ROME FOR VATICAN CONTACTS. HE ALSO GREATLY ANNOYED THAT SOME ITALIAN RADICAL CATHOLIC GROUPS WERE ORGANIZING DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST PLANS TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT THIEU NEXT WEEK. GASPARI STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT NEITHER POPE, HE, NOR CASAROLI WOULD SEE VIET CONG MISSION. WHEN ASKED IF LOWER LEVEL VATICAN OFFICIAL SUCH AS UNDER- SECRETARY OF JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION MIGHT RECEIVE VIET CONG, AS HAD BEEN DONE WHEN A PREVIOUS VIET CONG MISSION VISITED ROME, GASPARI SAID HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW BUT REITERATED THAT NO RPT NO RANKING VATICAN OFFICIAL WOULD SEE VIET CONG VISITORS.

2. AS ILLING SAW CASAROLI TODAY ON OTHER SUBJECT, HE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS USG VIEW ON PRG. CASAROLI SAID THAT AN
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ITALIAN INTERMEDIARY (WORKING WITH ANOTHER ITALIAN INTERMEDIARY,
A PCI CONTACT WITH PRG) HAD WRITTEN HIM TWO EXPECTED TO REPORT ON IT
TO TC AND, SO FAR
AS POSSIBLE, RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RELATED TO BILL. MISSION WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OR GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.

3. SECOND ITEM, " TRADE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL POLICIES -
NON- TARIFF BARRIERS (TC/ M(73)1(PROV.), ITEM 3(E)," ENVISAGED
AS FOLLOW- UP TO DISCUSSION OF NON- TARIFF DISTORTIONS
AT DEC 4-5 XCSS MEETING AND JAN 17 TC MEETING. SECRETARIAT IS
PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES TO PAPER DESIGNED TO DESCRIBE ON GOING
WORK OF OTHER OECD COMMITTEES WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON TRADE
WITH VIEW TO DEFINING PROBLEMS MORE CLEARLY AND INDICATING
SCOPE AND POSSIBLE METHODS OF WORK TC MIGHT ADOPT IN NTB FIELD.
SECRETARIAT HOPES CIRCULATE ITS PAPER NEXT WEEK AS TFD/ TD 718 AND
TCWP PLANS MEET AGIN MAY 7-8 TO REVIEW IT AND TO SUGGEST MOST
EFFECTIVE METHODS FOR FURTHER WORK FOR CONSIDERATION BY TC. SEV-
ERAL DELS INCLUDING UK AND CANADIANS TOOK OCCASION OF DISCUSSION
THIS ITEM TO URGE SINGLE DEL (READ US) THAT HAD URGED TC TO
UNDERTAKE STUDY OF POSSIBLE PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN NTBS NOT
TREATED IN MTN TO ELABORATE THESE IDEAS AT OR BEFORE TC
MEETING. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PRELIMINARY
WASHINGTON REACTIONS TO TFD/ TD/718 IN TIME FOR MAY 7-8
MEETING. MISSION BELIEVES THAT TC DISCUSSION OF NTBS
WOULD HAVE GREATER PROMISE IF US COULD SUBMIT PAPER
FURTHER ELABORATING ITS IDEAS AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE
TC MEETING.

4. NEXT ITEM, " SAFEGUARD CLAUSES AND STRUCTURAL ADJUST-
MENT POLICIES", ENVISAGED AS FOLLOW- UP TO MAR 20 XCSS
DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT WITH POSSIBILITY THAT, IN
ADDITION TO DOCS PREPARED FOR XCSS, SECRETARIAT WILL
ALSO PROVIDE ANNOTATED LIST OF QUESTIONS AND OPTIONS
ABOUT SAFEGUARDS WHICH XCSS DIRECTED IT TO PREPARE. IN
PREPARING PAPER, SECRETARIAT WOULD WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM DELS, SUPPLEMENTING IDEAS CONTAINED IN STATEMENTS
TO LAST XCSS. EC DEL TOOK OCCASION TO REITERATE STANCE
TAKEN AT XCSS, I. E. THAT COMMUNITY WOULD ONLY PARTICIPATE
SUBSTANTIVELY IN TC DISCUSSIONS SAFEGUARDS IF IT WERE
READY.

5. NEXT ITEM IS " TRADE RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES". NOT YET CLEAR WHAT MAIN LINES OF DISCUSSION
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LIKELY TO BE, THOUGH PROBABILITY IS THAT NUMBER OF DELS
WILL WISH TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING
UNCTAD MEETINGS AND POSSIBLY ON LDC PARTICIPATION
IN MTN.

6. FINAL SUBSTANTIVE ITEM, " WORK IN PROGRESS" LIKELY TO
CONSIST OF BRIEF STATUS REPORTS ON WORK ON GOVERNMENT
PURCHASING AND EXPORT CREDITS.

7. ALL DELS WHO SPOKE INDICATED GENERAL SATISFACTION
WITH AGENDA ITEMS SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT. IN ADDITION
TO SPECIFIC GUIDANCE REQUESTED ABOVE, MISSION WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY GENERAL COMMENTS DEPT MAY HAVE ON PLANS
AND PREPARATIONS FOR TC MEETING.
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